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The following is a report concerning the import and export of commodities across the Soviet-Iranian frontier.

1. Bandar Pahlavi:

a. Ship arrivals:

	Name	Capacity	Cargo
(1)	<u>GABARDINKA</u>	547 tons	499,931 kilos of newsprint and sugar from Baku, USSR.
(2)	<u>PIONER</u>	500 tons	521,265 kilos of sugar and textiles.
(3)	<u>KULTURNIYA</u>	-	37,156 kilos of fish from Hassan Kiadeh, USSR.
(4)	<u>DUNAZ</u>	500 tons	604,032 kilos wood from Baku.
(5)	<u>KASHALOT</u>	-	19,600 kilos of fish from Hassan Kiadeh, USSR.

b. Ship departures:

(1)	<u>BANDAR PAHLEVI</u>	550 tons	317,382 kilos of rice and cotton for the Soviet Union.
(2)	<u>PIONER</u>	500 tons	555,381 kilos of rice and raisins for the Soviet Union.
(3)	<u>GABARDINKA</u>	547 tons	697,686 kilos of rice, raisins, and tobacco for the Soviet Union.
(4)	<u>DUNAZ</u>	500 tons	233,678 kilos of tobacco and raisins for the Soviet Union.

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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Cargo</u>
(5)	<u>KASHALOT</u>	-	200,000 kilos of rice and 9,000 kilos of empty cases for Hassan Kiadeh.
(6)	<u>KULTURNIYA</u>	-	55,000 kilos of rice for Hassan Kiadeh.
(7)	<u>SHALIKA</u>	-	10,000 kilos of timber for Bandar Shah, Iran.
(8)	<u>ZILERNEVSKI</u> (sic)	-	25,000 kilos of machines and tools for Bandar Shah.
(9)	<u>DARUK</u>	-	A cargo of oil (of unspecified weight) for Bandar Shah. ¹
(10)	<u>ALMAS</u>	-	400 tons of oil for Bandar Shah. ¹
(11)	<u>#1 MAZANDERAN</u>	-	200 tons of oil for Bandar Shah. ¹
(12)	<u>#3 MAZANDERAN</u>	-	A cargo of oil (of unspecified weight) for Bandar Shah. ¹
(13)	<u>KULTURNIYA</u>	-	40,000 kilos of oil for Bandar Shah. ¹

2. Julfa:

- A. Exchange Engine #2797, composed of (sic) 10 empty cars, arrived in Iranian Julfa and returned without cars.
- B. Engine #6072, composed of 6 cars, arrived in Iranian Julfa with 106,955 kilos of sugar and returned without cars.
- C. Engine #6072, composed of 8 cars, arrived in Iranian Julfa with 172,852 kilos of sugar and returned to Soviet Dzhul'fa with 120,34 (sic) kilos of tobacco.
- D. Engine #6072, composed of 15 empty cars, arrived in Iranian Julfa and returned without cars.²

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- 1. Comment. The Persian word used for oil was "mazut" which usually means crude or fuel oil. However, it could possibly mean lubricating oil. The following comments are based on the assumption that the cargo consisted of lubricating oil since it seems improbable that crude oil would be imported from the Soviet Union.
 - (a) If the oil cargoes mentioned in paragraphs 1B (10), (11), and (13) are added, they total approximately 640 tons. Assuming that the cargoes mentioned in Paragraphs 1B (9) and (12) were at least 50 tons each, the estimated over-all total oil imported into Iran during one week would equal 740 tons.

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- (b) Although the port of departure is Bandar Pahlevi, it is probable that the cargo of lubricating oil originated in the Soviet Union, probably in Baku, and the stop at Bandar Pahlevi was for the purpose of unloading some other cargo.
- (c) In view of the shutting down of the Abadan refinery, Iranian lubricating oil will become a scarce item. Iran is now negotiating with the United States to provide lubricating oil. It is significant to note that the Soviet Union has reacted swiftly to the situation by exporting lubricating oil to Iran.
- (d) Iran has asked the United States for licenses to cover the export of approximately 3,000 tons of lubricating oil, which may give some indication of the needs of Iran for this oil.

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- 2. [REDACTED] Comment. It should be noted that Iran will also be short of sugar because of the British embargo and exchange restrictions against Iran.

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